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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION CONSIDERING CHANGE IN IMPORT CONTROLS
ON CANNED MUSHROOMS

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 6094, 8/12/74; (B) EC BRUSSELS 6797, 9/5/74

1. THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE OF THE KOREAN MISSION TO THE EC TOLD US THAT GERMAN IMPORTERS ARE PRESSURING THE EC COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LIFTING EXISTING IMPORT CONTROLS ON CANNED MUSHROOMS AND REPLACING THEM WITH IMPORT QUOTAS. THE COMMISSION INVOKED SAFEGUARD MEASURES, INCLUDING IMPORT LICENSES, BEGINNING AUGUST 26, 1974 (REF. A) AGAINST CANNED MUSHROOMS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH COULD NOT GUARANTEE OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES. THE QUANTITIES FOR WHICH LICENSES ARE AUTHORIZED WERE SET SHORTLY THEREAFTER (REF. B) BY MEANS OF A FORMULA BASED ON AN HISTORICAL SHARE OF THE MARKET ENJOYED BY IMPORTERS.

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2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSION, THE GERMAN IMPORTERS

PROPOSED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE A GLOBAL QUOTA FOR GERMANY OF 33,000 M.T., OR 30 PERCENT OF GERMANY'S TOTAL IMPORTS OF 110,000 M.T. FROM ALL SOURCES IN 1974. OF THIS AMOUNT, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT 5,000, 14,000, AND 14,000 TONS BE ALLOTTED TO KOREA, PRC, AND TAIWAN, RESPECTIVELY. IN 1974, THESE COUNTRIES EXPORTED TO GERMANY 6,000, 22,000, AND 15,000 M.T., RESPECTIVELY.

2. OUR KOREAN SOURCE SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN 11,000 TONS OR 1/3 OF THE PROPOSED GLOBAL GERMAN QUOTA. AS A FALLBACK, HE IS AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO 6,000 TONS PLUS 12 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL INCREASE IN MUSHROOM CONSUMPTION IN WEST GERMANY. GREENWALD

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